

NCC Minutes 1/21/08

Open 7:04 p.m.

Present: A. Watts, L. Hill, R. LaBranche, L. Carroll, D. Mason, S. Shope, R. Konisky
Guests- T. Walker and J. Donald from the RPC

1) Ongoing Business:

- a) Treasurer's report: motion to accept by A. Watts, seconded by S. Shope, all in favor YES.
- b) Minutes 11/19/07- motion to accept as amended by A. Watts, seconded by D. Mason, all in favor YES.
12/10/07- motion to accept by A. Watts, seconded by L. Carroll, all in favor YES.

2) Prime Wetlands:

- Public meeting held 1/2/08- Some landowners very opposed to designating Prime Wetlands. T Walker's impression was that many people felt they weren't informed enough.
- Deliberative session to be held 2/6/08- D. Mason states that this is a zoning ordinance, not a warrant article, so it cannot be changed. R. Konisky would like clarification of this.
- Need to educate the public and stress the positives:
 - NHEP has provided informative bookmarks that T. Walker volunteered to try to drop off at the library, school and general store.
 - T. Walker also recommends posting a F.A.Q. sheet with the prime wetlands map on-line.
 - The Exeter Newsletter another source (i.e. editorials)
- DES is holding a workshop on 1/23/08 at 7pm at the Exeter Town Office

3) Silverstein easement:

- L. Hill e-mailed F. Lane about setting a date in the spring but has not received a response yet.

4) Bills

- a) M. West- \$850.80 + \$420 + \$768 for making presentations and example maps for B. Davis. R. Konisky motions to pay, S. Shope seconded, all in favor YES.
- b) Cartographic Assoc.- \$450 for final map. R. Konisky motions to pay, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.

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5) Other Business:

a) Piscassic Greenway management plan- Steve Shope is a member of the town committee. People drafting the plan started in 12/06 but the draft was not submitted to members until 10/07. M. Price and S. Shope will be submitting it to the selectman who need to approve it. They have combined the land with the Cole farm and divided it into 5 areas which will each be managed differently according to a detailed plan. Some will be actively maintained (i.e. the meadow at the Cole farm), some will have modified management (i.e. forestry) and others will be kept as a full reserve. The primary goal is wildlife conservation with recreation a lower priority. Hunting will be allowed but not trapping. Snowmobiles will be allowed on designated trails. There will be a parking area at the Cole farm with most of the walking trails starting from there. There is a stewardship fund of \$125,000 set aside for management. C. Moreno will be in charge of foresting. A. Watts asked how people will be notified of the regulations. S. Shope thinks there will be a public meeting.

6) Next meeting: 2/18/08

Adjourn 8:25 pm

NCC member L. Hill 1/21/08